



Harold Gene Mays

February 26, 1935 - April 29, 2022

Frankfort - Harold Gene Mays was born February 26, 1935, in Heidrick, Kentucky, the only child of Ralph and Allie Mays. He passed away on April 29, 2022, in Lexington Kentucky.

He was united in marriage with Margie Coleman Mays on February 28, 1963, she precedes him in death.

Harold was a graduate of Barbourville High School and the University of Kentucky where he earned a BS and MS in Civil Engineering. He began work with the Kentucky Department of Highways in 1960, and shortly thereafter transferred to the Division of Materials where in 1964 he was named Director of Materials at the age of only 28. In 1969, Harold accepted the position of Executive Director of the Kentucky Crushed Stone Association. In 1971, Harold joined the firms of Harrod-Carter, a crushed stone ready-mix concrete producer, and the Robert L. Carter Company, a hot-mix asphalt producer and highway contractor. He worked as an engineer for both companies, but over a period of time his efforts were directed solely to the Robert L. Carter Company, which he purchased in 1984 and later changed the name to the H. G. Mays Corporation.

Harold was passionate about the highway industry and served as an active leader in industry associations including as Chairman of Kentucky Association

of Highway Contractors, Chairman of Kentucky Crushed Stone Association, and President of Plantmix Asphalt Industry of Kentucky. In 2000 Harold received the University of Kentucky Civil Engineering Lifetime Achievement Award, and in 2018 was inducted into the Kentucky Transportation Hall of Fame.

Harold was an avid sports fan, especially UK basketball, a beloved father and grandfather, and a devoted family man who loved and protected his family fiercely. Harold leaves to mourn his passing his children, Micki, and Kris (Jennifer), and his 6 grandchildren, Klay, Logan, Allie, Owen, Sam, and Matthew, as well as many other cherished friends and family.

Visitation will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2022. Private graveside services will be observed with Rev. Mike Colston officiating.

Serving as pallbearers will be Logan Mays, Albert Kinman, Klay Kinman, Tony McGlone, Charles Whelan, and David Harrod.

Flowers are welcome and expressions of sympathy may be made to the Local United Way or the Franklin County Humane Society.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home
312 Washington Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
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Tribute Wall



“ *Harold Gene Mays*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *We're so very sorry to about the passing of Mr Mays. I don't know of any person that did know of Mr Mays. He was such a kind, gentle hardworking giant of a man. May all your memories keep him close. Deepest sympathy
Pam Cloyd & family
John Triplett & family*

Pam Cloyd - May 05, 2022 at 10:23 PM



“ *With a heavy heart, I pray his family and friends can find comfort knowing that he was a fabulous man. May your fondest memories help to comfort all of you.*

Nancy Rocke - May 05, 2022 at 03:43 PM



“ *He was a good man treated me fair an paid me well. I very much appreciated the 3 years i ran a lowboy for his company. Many prayers for his family an friends.*

Billy Fannin - May 03, 2022 at 04:48 PM



“ *Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of Harold Gene Mays.*



May 03, 2022 at 02:33 PM



“ *We send our most sincere condolences to Micki and Klay and to all who loved Mr. Mays. Such kindness he spread to all who knew him. May he rest in gentle peace.'*

*The Galls
Pete, Debi and Petey*

The Galls - May 03, 2022 at 09:31 AM



“ *Truly the end of an era. What a great man and respected leader. My condolences to his family and friends.*

Beth Harrod Barrett - May 03, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *Uncle Harold you were truly one Amazing Husband, Father ,Grandpa, Uncle ,Such a kind loving Man,Not to mention a very successful man in life definitely a legend.We were very blessed to have you in our life.Rest Easy Uncle Harold! You are missed by many.Someday I will see you again, Love you ,Mischell,Josh & Maddie & Parker.*

Michelle - May 02, 2022 at 10:52 PM

CB

“ I came to know Harold when he was director of the Division of Materials in the Department of Highways. He was a good man in all respects. Condolences are extended to all of his Family and may he R.I.P.

Charles Baesler - May 02, 2022 at 10:56 AM



My sincere Condolences to s very good friend

Jitter Allen - May 03, 2022 at 10:28 AM

JC

Family: Jeanne joins me in expressing our deepest sympathy, as Harold was loved and respected by everyone. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this extremely difficult period.

James Codell

James Codell - May 03, 2022 at 02:14 PM

WP

*Condolences to the entire Mays family. Harold was a great man and I enjoyed every conversation we had. In the short few years that I knew him he help me understand a lot.
He will be deeply missed*

Willis Pierre Peltier - May 04, 2022 at 01:45 PM